

Academic Panel:

1. General Academic Concerns
 - Representative from Wheaton College Office of the Registrar - Issues during primaries in students being turned away due to non-Illinois IDs
2. Law
 - Terry Smith, DePaul University, College of Law, Course on Voting Rights - has written on exclusion of the poor and minorities **initial contact attempted**
 - Daniel B. Rodriguez, Dean of Northwestern School of Law - Cancelled classes on election day and made it a civic engagement day - students served as poll monitors
3. Political Science
 - Christina R. Rivers, DePaul University - expert on voting and civil rights law, mass incarceration

Community Advocacy:

1. Incarcerated/Formerly Incarcerated
 - Marlon Chamberlain, F.O.R.C.E. Organizer at Community Renewal Society - Educating the formerly incarcerated about their voting rights **initial contact attempted**
 - Nasir Blackwell, Green Re-entry Program Resident Coordinator at Inner-City Muslim Action Network – works with formerly incarcerated individuals in job training. Was in prison himself 24 years and was an advocate for access to voting within that environment **confirmed interest in speaking at hearing**
 - Johnny Outlaw, Director of Reentry Services Team at Teamwork Englewood – works directly with formerly incarcerated individuals
 - Shirley Tankersley, Intake Specialist for Workforce Development Program at Chicago Urban League – Provides job training resources for formerly incarcerated individuals
 - Fahmi Jones, Program Coordinator at Families & Prisoners United – works with formerly incarcerated individuals, particularly within the Muslim community
2. Disabilities
 - Barry C. Taylor, VP of Civil Rights Team at Equip for Equality - Disability rights organization that has focus area on protecting voting rights of individuals with disabilities. Focus on policy, legal, and community advocacy **initial contact attempted**
3. Homeless
 - Douglas Schenkelberg – Executive Director of Chicago Coalition for the Homeless – agency has worked to register homeless individuals to vote
4. Civic Engagement
 - Christian Diaz, Director of Chicago Votes - Leads mobilization and education-focused organization on importance of voting for Chicago youth **initial contact attempted**

5. Other Experts

- Maria Hinojosa, Radio host of Latino USA & Faculty of Latino and Latin American Studies at DePaul - Has provided commentary to the media after presidential debates on the significance of the Latino vote **initial contact attempted**
- Laura Jacksack, Attorney at Jacksack law Offices and Republican National Lawyers Association - Past Chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Election Law Committee; election law practitioner/expert; past Executive Director of the Lawyers Committee for Fair Elections; ballot integrity expert and trainer for election monitors

Government

1. Boards of Election Commissioners

- Joe Sobecki, Assistant Executive Director at DuPage County Election Commission – manages voting sites that include Wheaton College
- Brent Davis, Director of Election Operations at Illinois State Board of Elections- Among many duties, responds to public and election authority inquiries on election law and is responsible for internal and external election training programs
- Kyle Thomas, Director of Voting and Election Systems at Illinois State Board of Elections - Responsible for statewide Illinois Voter Registration System and approves voting systems for use in Illinois
- Shobhana Verma, Director of South Asian Outreach Program at Chicago Board of Election Commissioners - Works with Indian-American community regarding language access, familiar with Section 203 implementation issues

2. County Clerks

- David Orr, Cook County Clerk - Advocating against Gov. Rauner's veto of automatic voter registration; potential contact for poll workers **initial contact attempted**
- Beth Haverkamp, suburban staff for Cook County Clerk – Has been partnering with Shriver Center on pilot project to increase access to voting for inmates awaiting trial at county jail
- Gordy Hulten, Champaign County Clerk - Has introduced cost-effective technologies to voting in the county. Has increased voter registration and early voting places
- Paul Hinds, DuPage County Clerk - Can provide suburban perspective on challenges to voting, views on AVR
- John A. Cunningham, Kane County Clerk - Can provide suburban perspective on challenges to voting, views on AVR

3. State Officials

- Gov. Bruce Rauner, Governor of Illinois – Vetoed AVR bill that initially had strong bipartisan support
- Sam McCann, Illinois Senator (R) – initially voted for automatic voter registration
Initial contact attempted
- Kyle McCarter, Illinois Senator (R) – initially voted against AVR **initial contact attempted**
- Robyn Gabel, Illinois Representative (D) – Lead sponsor of AVR bill **initial contact attempted**
- Daniel Biss, Illinois Senator (D) – Co-Sponsor of AVR bill

4. State Attorneys

- Jamie Boyd, Kankakee State’s Attorney - Allegations of voter fraud throughout the county before general election

5. Attorney General

- Karyn Bass Ehler, Chief of Civil Rights Bureau at Office of Attorney General of Illinois - can speak to civil rights issues regarding voting at statewide level – knowledgeable on fraud violations in Kankakee

6. Sheriff’s Office

- Tom Dart, Cook County Sheriff - Has expressed support and interest to expanding voting opportunities for individuals awaiting trial
- Michael Miller – Assistant Director at Cook County Sheriff’s Office - Has been partnering with Shriver Center on pilot project to increase access to voting for inmates awaiting trial at county jail

Policy/Legal Advocacy

1. Automatic Voter Registration

- Abraham Scarr, Director at IL PIRG – Published May 2016 report on significance of AVR

2. Language Access

- Tuyet Le, Executive Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice – agency has programs on voting rights and language access **initial contact attempted**
- Andy Kang, Legal Director at Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Advocate for AVR, aware of gaps in language access service delivery, especially for Korean community
- Ryan Cortazar, Legal Fellow at Chicago Lawyer’s Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. – has been presenting nationally on voting practices in Illinois. High level of knowledge on language access.
- Veronica Cortez, Attorney at MALDEF – works on access to voting with Spanish-speaking populations in suburbs of Chicago

3. Redistricting

- Ruth Greenwood, Attorney at Campaign Legal Center - Expert on redistricting litigation, focus on gerrymandering and minority representation. Adjunct professor of law at Loyola
initial contact attempted
- Jeffrey I. Cummings, Attorney at Minor, Barnhill & Galland - Can provide private sector perspective on redistricting in civil rights framework

4. Campaign Finance Reform

- Brian Gladstein, Executive Director of Common Cause IL – agency has focus area on voting and elections. Mr. Gladstein has been directly involved in local efforts for campaign finance reform

5. Same day voter registration

- Ami Gandhi, Director of Voting and Civic Empowerment at Chicago Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. – expert on increasing access to voting for minority and low-income populations, very involved on issues regarding election day registration **has confirmed interest in being a panelist**
- Rebecca Glenberg, staff at ACLU of Illinois – knowledgeable on same-day voter registration issues
- Jacob H. Hueber, Senior Attorney at Liberty Justice Center – this agency is the plaintiff in the lawsuit against election day registration

6. Incarcerated/formerly incarcerated voting access

- Michelle Mbekeani-Wiley, Community Justice Staff Attorney at Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law - Conducted voter registration and distributed/collected ballots in Cook County Jail. Is working with Sheriff's Office and Boards of Election Commissioners to expand the practice **confirmed interest in being a panelist**

7. Additional perspectives

- Michael Casper, Attorney – knowledgeable on civil rights law and voting rights
- John Fogarty - Election law practitioner/expert; past Chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Election Law Committee; General Counsel for the Illinois Republican Party and the City of Chicago Republican Party
- Kaylan L. Phillips, Chief Litigation Counsel at Public Interest Legal Foundation (Indiana) - Agency focuses on integrity of voting rights and holds states accountable for accurate voter registration. Litigates if needed.
- J. Christian Adams, General Counsel at Public Interest Legal Foundation, also served in Voting Section of DOJ for several years

Proposed Schedule Options

Schedule A (5 Panels)

Opening Remarks (8-8:15am)

Panel 1: (8:15-9:30am)

Panel 2: (9:45am-11:00am)

Panel 3: (11:15am-12:30pm)

Break (12:30pm-1:30pm)

Panel 4: (1:30pm-2:45pm)

Panel 5: (3:00pm – 4:15pm)

Open Forum (4:20-5:00pm)

Closing Remarks (5pm)

Schedule B (4 Panels)

Opening Remarks (9:00am-9:15am)

Panel 1: (9:15am-10:30am)

Panel 2: (10:45am-12:00pm)

Open Forum I: (12:05-12:30pm)

Break (12:30pm-1:30pm)

Panel 3: (1:30pm-2:45pm)

Panel 4: (3:00pm-4:15pm)

Open Forum II: (4:20pm-5:00pm)

Closing Remarks (5:00pm)